

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Withdrawn)** A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a list of available other networks to said User Equipment via the active network;

in the User Equipment, selecting among the available networks based on preference information and signaling to said active network at least one preferred other network; and

providing neighbor cell information for the at least one preferred other network to said User Equipment via the active network.

2. **Canceled**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting to the User Equipment a first list having at least one unique network identifier,

comparing the first list with a second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier and is internally stored in the User Equipment for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks, the comparison being performed by the User Equipment;

receiving from User Equipment communicating via the active network an indication of at least one preferred other network selected from the plurality of networks in the comparing step;
and

in response thereto, providing to the User Equipment via the active network neighbor cell information for the at least one preferred other network.

4. **Canceled**

5. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 3 further comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

6. **(Withdrawn)** A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising:

providing to User Equipment communicating via the active network a list of available other networks; and

sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

7. **(Withdrawn)** A method of operating an active network to facilitate handover to another network comprising:

maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment; and
a step of providing to the User Equipment communicating via the active network a message containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising:

receiving a first list having at least one unique network identifier;
storing a preference for a network in a second list having the at least one unique network identifier and is internally stored in the User Equipment;
comparing the received first list with the second list for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks; and
a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks based on information supplied by the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 8 further comprising: a step of signaling to the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication the preferred other network for handover.

10. **(Original)** A method according to claim 9, wherein said preferred other network is selected by the User Equipment from a list of available networks supplied by the network.

11. **(Withdrawn)** A method of operating an active network with which User Equipment is in communication comprising:

maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment; and
a step of sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

12. **(Withdrawn)** A method according to claim 11 comprising a step of sending mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually different network preferences.

13. **(Withdrawn)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the preferred other network is selected based on information stored in the User Equipment, preferably in a SIM card.

14. **(Withdrawn)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is selected from available GSM networks.

15. **(Withdrawn)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is provided by an active network provider and the other network is selected from networks provided by other network providers.

16. **(Currently Amended)** User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising:

means for receiving a first list from the active network, the first list having at least one unique network identifier;

means for storing a second list of available other networks supplied by the active network;

means for comparing the received first list with the second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks; and

means for transmitting from the User Equipment an indication of a preference for a network.

17. **(Original)** User Equipment according to claim 16, further comprising means for updating the stored list of available other networks based on information supplied by the active network.

18. **(Currently Amended)** User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising:

means for receiving a first list from the active network, the first list having at least one unique network identifier;

means for storing a second list of available other networks supplied by the active network;

means for comparing the received first list with the second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks;

means for updating ~~a stored~~ the second list of available other networks based on information supplied by the active network; and

means for transmitting from the User Equipment an indication of a preference for a network.

19. **Canceled**

20. **(Previously Presented)** User Equipment according to claim 18, further comprising means for storing network preference information.

21. **(Original)** User Equipment according to claim 16, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is a GSM network, having means for communicating over both networks.

22. **Canceled**

23. **(Withdrawn)** A mobile communications network or component thereof comprising:

communicator configured to communicate to User Equipment communicating with the network a list of available other networks; and

means for sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

24. **(Withdrawn)** A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

means for maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment; and

means for sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a list of available networks stored in the User Equipment.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

means for receiving by a User Equipment a first list including at least one unique network identifier;

means for comparing by a User Equipment the received first list with a second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier and is internally stored in the user equipment for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks;

means for receiving from User Equipment communicating with the network an indication of a preferred other network; and

means for supplying neighboring cell information for the preferred other network based on the indication.

26. **(Withdrawn)** A mobile communications network or component thereof including:
maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment; and
means for sending neighbor cell information to the User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

27. **(Withdrawn)** A mobile communications network or component thereof according to claim 26 arranged to send mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually different network preferences.

28. **(Previously Presented)** A method of using user equipment for a mobile communication system comprising:

receiving a first list including at least one unique network identifier; and
comparing the received first list with a second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier and is internally stored in the user equipment for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks.

29. **(Previously Presented)** User equipment for a mobile communication system comprising:

means for receiving a first list including at least one unique network identifier; and
means for comparing the received first list with a second list which includes the at least one unique network identifier and is internally stored in the user equipment for selectively communicating with at least one of a plurality of networks.